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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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SUBJECT: SOVIET V-E CELEBRATIONS

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1. FOR NOUAKCHOTT. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM DISINTEREST IN CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH USSR OF V-E COMMEMORATION IN NOUAKCHOTT IF AND WHEN SOVIET EMBASSY AGAIN RAISES THIS SUGGESTION. AS YOU HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO SOVIET EMBASSY, WE WISH TO BE GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO INVITATIONS TO ATTEND FUNC-
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TIONS WHICH SOVIETS SPONSOR THEMSELVES (IN ACCORDANCE WITH

GUIDELINES IN STATE 69945).

2. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO SOVIETS THAT WE AND THEY ARE IN PROCESS OF ARRANGING FOR EXCHANGES OF VETERANS DELEGATIONS AND NAVAL VISITS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR WWII COOPERATION. WE FEEL THAT THESE JOINT ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS OUR REPRESENTATION AT CEREMONIES IN MOSCOW, ADEQUATELY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF US-USSR DETENTE AND ARE AN APPROPRIATE EXPRESSION OF THE IMPORTANCE WE CONTINUE TO PLACE ON US-SOVIET WARTIME COOPERATION. WE SEE NO NEED FOR FURTHER JOINTLY SPONSORED

COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES (EITHER BY US AND USSR ALONE OR BY WWII ALLIES IN GENERAL) IN THIRD COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS FAR FROM THE MAIN THEATERS OF OPERATIONS THIRTY YEARS AGO.

3. FOR BONN. WE WERE STRUCK BY GERMAN CHARGE'S COMMENT (REFTEL, PARA 2) INDICATING THAT FRG EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE UNDER RIGID BLANKET INSTRUCTIONS TO BOYCOTT ALL V-E COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS, INCLUDING SOVIET EMBASSY FUNCTIONS EVERYWHERE. IS EMBASSY ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THIS IS FRG POSITION CONCERNING SUCH COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THIRD COUNTRIES? INGERSOLL

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